

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,728,753 to Parasnis ("Parasnis").

Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the second schedule data is delivered to the other terminal devices at a time preceding said arbitrary time. Similarly, claim 6 has been amended to recite that the second schedule data is delivered to the other terminal devices at a time preceding the arbitrary time. Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the second schedule data is delivered to the terminal device at a time preceding the arbitrary time. Claim 16 has been amended to recite that the second schedule data is delivered to the other terminal devices at a time preceding the arbitrary time. Claim 21 has been amended to recite that the second schedule data is delivered to the plurality of displays at a time preceding the arbitrary time.

The present invention, as recited in the amended claims, is directed to an information reproduction method and information reproducing system. The system of the present invention transmits and delivers a first schedule data to synchronize the recording of content. A second schedule data is transmitted by the system to subsequently reproduce the recorded content at an

arbitrary time set by a user of a terminal. Both schedule data may be transmitted by a user at a terminal to initiate and playback recorded content or may be initiated by the system to, in one embodiment, initiate recording of content at an unattended terminal. Significantly, the second schedule data signal is delivered to the other terminal devices at a time preceding the arbitrary time.

Parasnis is directed to a method of broadcasting a computer presentation over a network. Parasnis teaches synchronizing playback of a computer presentation at terminals through a file streaming format. That is, Parasnis teaches synchronizing computer presentations through live streaming at the time of presentation. The Examiner points to the caching of the computer presentation and the slide activation controls at the receiving terminals prior to the start of the presentation (*See Parasnis column 20 lines 45-48*) as teaching the delivery of first schedule data and second schedule data. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Parasnis does not teach or suggest that the second schedule data (that is, scheduling a start time for the display of information) is delivered to the terminal devices at a time preceding the arbitrary start time for the display of information. For instance, Parasnis teaches that the slide display commands are generated in real-time and encoded into the streaming computer presentation (*See Parasnis column 21 lines 4-7*). Applicants respectfully submits that Parasnis does not teach or suggest, at least, a second schedule data delivered to the other terminal devices at a time preceding the arbitrary time.


Since the cited reference does not disclose each and every limitation recited in the amended claims, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 6, 11, 21 and 26 are allowable over the cited reference. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-

20, 22-25 and 27-30, by their dependency on the amended independent claims, are similarly allowable.

II. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 1-30 are now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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